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*Missouri Association of County
Developmental Disabilities Services*

Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2010

Call to Order

- Cooper County announced approval of a large grant from the Mid Missouri Solid Waste management District
- Mary Sullivan-Thomas announced that the posters and bookmarks from promotion for Developmental Disabilities awareness month in March are ready and can be picked up at the back of the room. Additional information on downloading the posters and other materials is available on the MPC website. There are enough silver pins for each member, and additional pins can be purchased online.
- Green County announced that along with consolidating three office spaces to one central office their name has changed to Abilities First. Their new address is 1370 East Primrose, Springfield, MO 65804.
- A new sign in sheet is being piloted this month. It has county name, representative name and email. It will be updated quarterly.

The minutes from January were electronically distributed. Since that time some corrections have been noted and were reviewed at this time. **Chuck Snow** moved to accept the minutes with the corrections and **Betsy Barnes** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

The finance report had been distributed electronically. Ann Graff presented the updates with the change in treasurer. **Chuck Snow** moved to accept the report as presented and **Alecia Archer** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

In keeping with the new bylaw revision, all RPO applications are to be presented for a vote. St Louis ARC has applied for RPO status. **Jim Casey** moved to accept their application and **Peg Capo** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

Agency Liaison Reports

- No report for MARF
- MoAnchor continues planning for the merger.
- Mary Sullivan-Thomas reported that the Coalition will be meeting every other month with conference calls to continue monthly. Discussion continues concerning TCM issues, budget difficulties, issues with the UR process, new ISL pilot and the Division's road map that was recently published on their web site. The roadmap document is open for the coalition to offer input for a revision.
- Vicki McCarrell announced the Vocational Rehabilitation has a contact specific to autism now housed on the Joplin office. Her name is Carla Bunch.
- Wendy Hays reported for Supported Employment that the vocational assessment has not affected supported employment.
- Vicki McCarrell reported that the Missouri Planning Council will be meeting in March.
- Ann Graff reported for Sheltered Workshops. The funding deficit that would have made a reduction in days worked necessary has been eliminated due to the number of snow days. Other members report that rest area contracts have been renewed.

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- The Congress on Disability met with legislators and distributed information on our legislative priorities yesterday.
- Alecia Archer reported on attending the Mental Health Commission meeting where DD performance measures were discussed as well as the budget.

Committee Reports

- The executive committee met earlier today. A grant is possible for funds for legislative advocacy work. The committee is recommending that this be pursued. The executive committee asks that all committee chairs develop action plans with one or two outcomes for 2010 then get that information to Doris to update the plan. All funds are being consolidated to one bank by next month. The MACDDS calendar will be updated monthly, please note any meetings on the written copy to be updated at each meeting. The executive committee discussed the pilot document developed for the salary survey. Recommend collecting the information on this format as a pilot of the survey and submit your surveys to Doris by March 19, 2010.
Thanks to Cole County for all the years of sharing the salary survey data they collected!
- Public Awareness committee had no report
- The Education and Training Committee reports that the midyear training is April 29, 2010. The registration form and a draft agenda were distributed. The training is open to MACDDS member county boards and their Directors.
- The Governmental Affairs committee has continued to have monthly contact with Sarah Topp and updates the membership on time sensitive information via email. A synopsis of bills is being requested. Calls are at 10am on Friday before the MAC meeting and anyone who wants to join in is welcome.
- Regulation/Standards/Policy committee will be meeting tomorrow at 8am. Chapter three of the technical assistance manual has been posted on the MAC website. Currently working on more by law revisions.
- The Finance committee has not met.
- The Quality Enhancement committee reports that contracts discussions have been taking place.
- College of Direct Support will know about the funding applied for in ten days
- No report for First Steps.

Other Reports

- A Life Span Respite Summit is planed and Jim Casey will represent MACDDS. **Betsy Barnes** moved that up to \$100 be contributed if requested. **Jim Casey** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**
- Community Asset Builder's gave the coordinator report. Also shared information on a Rural Health Survey being conducted around the state. The information will be useful for planning for heath care needs. Can bring a group to communities if a place is available. Individuals may also complete and submit the survey. Hard copy of the survey was distributed.

General Discussion

- Jim Casey was interested in how other agencies handle driver training that meets any MoDOT requirements. It was noted that the Philadelphia Insurance company provides this type of training, as does MoDOT
- Ron Kruse was interested in how other counties have used the stimulus funds. In Franklin County they used the funds to purchase some workshop equipment that was needed and invested in start up costs for a county coalition of sorts that will help with providing dental care. Cole County has used the funds for physical plant upgrades only. St. Charles County has used their funds to help agencies purchase adaptive equipment, technology upgrades, and accessible play grounds.
- Lyn Wells asked if any other regions have discussed fiscal intermediary quotas or heard of a new Division goal of 4 person ISL's.
- There was discussion of the certification fee status and the prevention waiver status.
- Discussion about Dr. Schafer's presentation tomorrow that will cover his vision for the Division and the roadmap document posted on the DMH website.
- Janice Tilman announced that the presentation on the Sunshine Law that we had last month was videotaped and can be made available on our website.
- Alecia Archer announced that Kay Green is available as a consultant to help with Medicaid waiver issues.
- It was announced that CPS and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Divisions have consolidated to one Director.

HR Update

Jim Lowery

Handouts prepared for

- Cobra extension
- Whistleblower policy template
- Technology/social networking

- Family care safe registry
- Unemployment appeals
- Update from IPMA-HR

Chuck Snow made a motion that we go to closed session to discuss contractual issues. **Jake Jacobs** seconded the motion and roll call was taken and **closed session was approved**.

Les Wagner moved to accept the committee recommendation to proceed in planning and investigating the option of becoming a TCM provider. **Max Lytle** seconded the motion. The **motion carried** with a roll call vote.

Ron Kruse moved to go out of closed session. **Chuck Snow** seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** on by roll call.